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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Applicant hereby appeals from the Examiner's final rejection of claims 1-40. This rejection of all claims is being appealed. Enclosed is a check for \$250.00 to cover the fee. If this check is insufficient in any way, please charge the required fee to the Coats & Bennett, P.L.L.C. Deposit Account No. 18-1167.

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